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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities
Forty-ninth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 29 August 1997. The first meeting will be convened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 4 August 1997.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda,* prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Inter-sessional and pre-sessional working groups

3. In accordance with previous decisions, the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission will be preceded by meetings of four working groups as follows:

(a) Working Group on Communications, established pursuant to paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for two weeks prior to the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, from 21 July to 1 August 1997;

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* Based on the draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission as contained in the report of the Sub-Commission on its forty-eighth session (E/CN.4/1997/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1996/41, paras. 386-390).

(b) Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974. In accordance with the arrangements endorsed by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1993/27 of 5 March 1993, this Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for eight working days prior to the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, from 2 to 11 June 1997;

(c) Working Group on Indigenous Populations, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for one week prior to the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, from 28 July to 1 August 1997;

(d) Working Group on Minorities, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/31 of 25 July 1995. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for five working days, from 26 to 30 May 1997.

In-session working groups

4. Since its thirty-fourth session in 1981, the Sub-Commission has established a sessional working group to assist it in relation to its annual review of developments concerning the human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment. At its forty-sixth session in 1994, the Sub-Commission established a sessional working group on the administration of justice and the question of compensation in place of a sessional working group on detention.

5. The Sub-Commission may wish to consider establishing such a sessional working group at its forty-ninth session.

6. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

Provisional agenda

1. Organization of work:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda;

   (c) Methods of work of the Sub-Commission.

2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

3. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to the elimination of racial discrimination:

   (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

   (b) Xenophobia.

4. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights:

   (a) The international economic order and the promotion of human rights;

   (b) The realization of the right to development;

   (c) The question of transnational corporations.

5. The implementation of the human rights of women:

   (a) Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children;

   (b) The role and equal protection of women in development.

6. Contemporary forms of slavery.

7. Human rights of indigenous peoples.

8. Protection of minorities.

9. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees:

   (a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;

   (b) Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles.

10. Freedom of movement:

(a) Population displacements;

(b) The right to leave and seek asylum and the right to return.

11. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been or may be concerned:

(a) Review of developments related to recommendations made in earlier studies:

(i) Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels;

(ii) Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief;

(iii) Encouragement of universal acceptance of human rights instruments;

(b) Review of issues not previously the subject of studies but which the Sub-Commission had decided to examine:

(i) Terrorism and human rights;

(ii) International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life;

(c) Other new developments.

12. Communications concerning human rights; report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

13. Concluding items:

(a) Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission and of the draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission;

(b) Adoption of the report on the forty-ninth session.

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AGENDA

The agenda of the forty-ninth session, as adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its 3rd meeting on 5 August 1997, is reproduced below:

1. Organization of work:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda;

   (c) Methods of work of the Sub-Commission.

2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

3. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to the elimination of racial discrimination:

   (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

   (b) Xenophobia.

4. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights:

   (a) The international economic order and the promotion of human rights;

   (b) The realization of the right to development;

(c) The question of transnational corporations;

(d) The realization of the right to education, including education in human rights.

5. The implementation of the human rights of women:

(a) Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child;

(b) The role and equal participation of women in development.

6. Contemporary forms of slavery.

7. Human rights of indigenous peoples:

(a) Indigenous peoples and their relationship to land.

8. Prevention of discrimination against and the protection of minorities.

9. The administration of justice and human rights:

(a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;

(b) Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles and the judicial protection of children;

(c) Gross and massive violations of human rights as an international crime;

(d) Juvenile justice.

10. Freedom of movement:

(a) The right to leave any country, including one's own, and to return to one's own country, and the right to seek asylum from persecution;

(b) Human rights and population displacements.

10. bis Promotion and protection of human rights of children and youth.

11. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been or may be concerned:

(a) The fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(b) Review of developments concerning recommendations and decisions relating, inter alia, to:

(i) Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels;

(ii) Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief;

(iii) Encouragement of universal acceptance of human rights instruments;

(c) Review of issues not previously the subject of studies but which the Sub-Commission had decided to examine:

(i) Implications of humanitarian activities for the enjoyment of human rights;

(ii) Terrorism and human rights;

(iii) International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life;

(d) Other new developments:

(i) Adverse consequences of the transfer of arms and illicit trafficking in arms on the enjoyment of human rights;

(ii) Arbitrary deprivation of nationality.

12. Communications concerning human rights; report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

13. Concluding items:

(a) Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission;

(b) Draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission;

(c) Adoption of the report on the forty-ninth session.

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its forty-eighth session, on 29 August 1996, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities adopted decision 1996/112, entitled "Methods of work of the Sub-Commission".

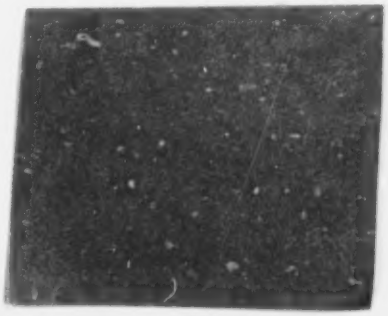
2. In that decision, the Sub-Commission requested the Secretary-General to examine the financial and other implications of organizing the sessions of the Sub-Commission according to each of the following three proposals:

(a) One session of four weeks with two meetings each working day (Note: this is currently the case; the Sub-Commission meets for a period of four weeks with two meetings per day. The total number of meetings is 40);

(b) One session of five weeks with one week of two meetings each working day and four weeks of one meeting each working day (Note: the total number of meetings would be 30);

(c) One session of six weeks with one meeting each working day (Note: the total number of meetings would be 30).

3. Cost estimates and other relevant implications of these three options were requested from the Conference Services Division and from the Administrative and System Support Section of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights.



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4. The Conference Services Division explained that although two meetings per day for one week and one meeting per day for four weeks were foreseen in option (b) and only one daily meeting for six weeks in option (c), both options had been costed on the basis of two daily meetings in accordance with existing costing procedures and taking into consideration the fact that there is no guarantee of reassignment of conference servicing staff in the afternoon to other meetings. The Division also mentioned that, in accordance with existing practice, any proposed departure from the approved calendar of meetings should be referred to the Committee on Conferences in New York.

5. The Administrative and System Support Section of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights did not include in its estimates the travel costs of the 26 experts of the Sub-Commission. These costs would be approximately the same for four, five or six weeks. The estimates simply referred to the per diem costs.

6. The data regarding the financial implications of decision 1996/112 provided by the Conference Services Division of the United Nations Office at Geneva and by the Administrative and System Support Section of the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights, are contained in the annexes to the present document.

Annex I

ESTIMATES FOR ONE SESSION OF FOUR WEEKS
WITH TWO MEETINGS EACH WORKING DAY

A. Conference Services

Estimated conference cost	Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in Sw F	Estimated cost in Sw F
1. Meeting services requirements				
Number of meetings: 40				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
20 Interpreters (work-days)	400	560	631	353 360
3 Meeting room attendants (work-days)	60	84	173	14 532
1 Conference officer (work-days)	20	28	187	5 236
Total meeting services requirements				373 128
2. Pre-session documentation requirements				
105 documents (600 original pages/document)				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
Translation (work-days)	330	462	484	223 608
Revision (work-days)	110	154	598	92 092
Translation/self-revision (work-days)	318	445	558	248 310
Typing (work-days)	508	711	253	179 883
Reproduction (originals) (page impressions)	2 244 000	n/a	0.03	77 064
Distribution (docs.)	392 700	n/a	0.264	103 673
Total pre-session documentation requirements				924 630
3. In-session documentation requirements				
87 documents (400 original pages/document)				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
Translation (work-days)	220	308	484	149 072
Revision (work-days)	73	102	598	60 996
Translation/self-revision (work-days)	212	297	558	165 726
Typing (work-days)	339	475	253	120 175
Reproduction (originals) (page impressions)	510 000	n/a	0.05	27 448
Distribution (docs.)	110 925	n/a	0.264	29 284
Total in-session documentation requirements				552 701

Estimated conference cost	Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in Sw F	Estimated cost in Sw F
4. Summary records requirements (E,F) (summary records are for 40 meetings)				
Translation (work-days)	280	392	484	189 728
Revision (work-days)	60	84	598	50 232
Typing (work-days)	360	504	253	127 512
Reproduction (page impressions)	1 416 000	n/a	0.05	72 992
Distribution (docs.)	94 400	n/a	0.264	24 922
Total summary records requirements				465 386
5. Post-session documentation requirements 1 document (250 original pages/document) Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
Translation (work-days)	138	193	484	93 412
Revision (work-days)	46	64	598	38 272
Translation/self-revision (work-days)	133	186	558	103 788
Typing (work-days)	211	295	253	74 635
Reproduction (originals) (page impressions)	707 500	n/a	0.03	25 285
Distribution (docs.)	2 830	n/a	0.264	747
Total post-session documentation requirements				336 139
6. General services requirements				
3 Sound technicians/recording (work-days)	60	84	216	18 144
1 Messenger (work-days)	20	28	173	4 844
Guards (work-days)	-	-	173	-
Overtime (normal) (hours)	-	n/a	37	-
Total General Services requirements				22 988
7. Other requirements				
Rental of office supplies/ equipment	-	-	239	-
Secretary (work-days)	-	n/a	46	-
Overtime (normal) (hours)	15	21	315	6 615
Editing (work-days)	20	28	173	4 844
1 Docs. control officer (work-days)	20	28	173	4 844
1 Docs. distr. officer (work-days)				
Total other requirements				16 303
TOTAL (1 to 7)				2 691 275
Rental of conference room (s) (days)	-	n/a		-
Rental office space m^2 (days)	-	n/a		-
ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL			Sw F	2 691 275
			or US$	1 856 051

B. Administrative and System Support Section

Per diem: 27 days at US$ 268 = US$ 188,136.00

TOTAL A + B = US$ 2,044,187.00

Annex II

ESTIMATES FOR ONE SESSION OF FIVE WEEKS WITH ONE WEEK OF TWO MEETINGS PER DAY AND FOUR WEEKS OF ONE MEETING ONLY PER DAY

A. Conference Services

Estimated conference cost	Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in Sw F	Estimated cost in Sw F
1. Meeting services requirements				
Number of meetings: 50				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
20 Interpreters (work-days)	500	700	631	441 700
3 Meeting room attendants (work-days)	75	105	173	18 165
1 Conference officer (work-days)	25	35	187	6 545
Total meeting services requirements				466 410
2. Pre-session documentation requirements				
105 documents (600 original pages/document)				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
Translation (work-days)	330	462	484	223 608
Revision (work-days)	110	154	598	92 092
Translation/self-revision (work-days)	318	445	558	248 310
Typing (work-days)	508	711	253	179 883
Reproduction (originals) (page impressions)	2 244 000	n/a	0.03	77 064
Distribution (docs.)	392 700	n/a	0.264	103 673
Total pre-session documentation requirements				924 630
3. In-session documentation requirements				
87 documents (400 original pages/document)				
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S				
Translation (work-days)	220	308	484	149 072
Revision (work-days)	73	102	598	60 996
Translation/self-revision (work-days)	212	297	558	165 726
Typing (work-days)	339	475	253	120 175
Reproduction (originals) (page impressions)	510 000	n/a	0.05	27 448
Distribution (docs.)	110 925	n/a	0.264	29 284
Total in-session documentation requirements				552 701

Estimated conference cost		Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in Sw F	Estimated cost in Sw F
4. Summary records requirements (E,F) (summary records are for 30 meetings)					
Translation	(work-days)	210	294	484	142 296
Revision	(work-days)	45	63	598	37 674
Typing	(work-days)	270	378	253	95 634
Reproduction	(page impressions)	1 062 000	n/a	0.05	55 292
Distribution	(docs.)	70 800	n/a	0.264	18 691
Total summary records requirements					349 587
5. Post-session documentation requirements 1 document (250 original pages/document)					
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S					
Translation	(work-days)	138	193	484	93 412
Revision	(work-days)	46	64	598	38 272
Translation/self-revision	(work-days)	133	186	558	103 788
Typing	(work-days)	211	295	253	74 635
Reproduction (originals)	(page impressions)	707 500	n/a	0.03	25 285
Distribution	(docs.)	2 830	n/a	0.264	747
Total post-session documentation requirements					336 139
6. General services requirements					
3 Sound technicians/recording	(work-days)	75	105	216	22 680
1 Messenger	(work-days)	25	35	173	6 055
Guards	(work-days)	-	-	173	-
Overtime (normal)	(hours)	-	n/a	37	-
Total General Services requirements					28 735
7. Other requirements					
Rental of office supplies/ equipment		-	-		-
Secretary	(work-days)	-	n/a	239	-
Overtime (normal)	(hours)	11	15	46	-
Editing	(work-days)	25	35	315	4 725
1 Docs. control officer	(work-days)	25	35	173	6 055
1 Docs. distr. officer	(work-days)			173	6 055
Total other requirements					16 835
TOTAL (1 to 7)					2 675 037
Rental of conference room (s)	(days)	-	n/a		-
Rental of office space m^2	(days)	-	n/a		-
ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL				Sw F	2 675 037
				or US$	1 844 853

B. Administrative and System Support Section

Per diem: 34 days at US$ 268 = US$ 236, 912.00

TOTAL A + B = US$ 2,081,765.00

Annex III

ESTIMATES FOR ONE SESSION OF SIX WEEKS WITH ONE MEETING PER DAY

A. Conference Services

Estimated conference cost		Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in SW F	Estimated cost in SW F
1. Meeting services requirements					
Number of meetings: 60					
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S					
20 Interpreters	(work-days)	600	840	631	530 040
3 Meeting room attendants	(work-days)	90	126	173	21 798
1 Conference officer	(work-days)	30	42	187	7 854
Total meeting services requirements					559 692
2. Pre-session documentation requirements					
105 documents (600 original pages/document)					
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S					
Translation	(work-days)	330	462	484	223 608
Revision	(work-days)	110	154	598	92 092
Translation/self-revision	(work-days)	318	445	558	248 310
Typing	(work-days)	508	711	253	179 883
Reproduction (originals)	(page impressions)	2 244 000	n/a	0.03	77 064
Distribution	(docs.)	392 700	n/a	0.264	103 673
Total pre-session documentation requirements					924 630
3. In-session documentation requirements					
87 documents (400 original pages/document)					
Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S					
Translation	(work-days)	220	308	484	149 072
Revision	(work-days)	73	102	598	60 996
Translation/self-revision	(work-days)	212	297	558	165 726
Typing	(work-days)	339	475	253	120 175
Reproduction (original)	(page impressions)	510 000	n/a	0.05	27 448
Distribution	(docs.)	110 925	n/a	0.264	29 284
Total in-session documentation requirements					552 701

Estimated conference cost		Estimated workload	Workload expressed in calendar days, i.e. x (7/5) days	1997 unit rate in Sw F	Estimated cost in Sw F
4. Summary records requirements (E,F) (summary records are for 30 meetings)					
Translation	(work-days)	210	294	484	142 296
Revision	(work-days)	45	63	598	37 674
Typing	(work-days)	270	378	253	95 634
Reproduction	(page impressions)	1 062 000	n/a	0.05	55 292
Distribution	(docs.)	70 800	n/a	0.264	18 691
Total summary records requirements					349 587
5. Post-session documentation requirements 1 document (250 original pages/document) Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S					
Translation	(work-days)	138	193	484	93 412
Revision	(work-days)	46	64	598	38 272
Translation/self-revision	(work-days)	133	186	558	103 788
Typing	(work-days)	211	295	253	74 635
Reproduction (originals)	(page impressions)	707 500	n/a	0.03	25 285
Distribution	(docs.)	2 830	n/a	0.264	747
Total post-session documentation requirements					336 139
6. General Services requirements					
3 Sound technicians/recording	(work-days)	90	126	216	27 216
1 Messenger	(work-days)	30	42	173	7 266
Guards	(work-days)	-	-	173	-
Overtime (normal)	(hours)	-	n/a	37	-
Total General Services requirements					34 482
7. Other requirements					
Rental of office supplies/ equipment					-
Secretary	(work-days)	-	-	239	-
Overtime (normal)	(hours)	-	n/a	46	-
Editing	(work-days)	11	15	315	4 725
1 Docs. control officer	(work-days)	30	42	173	7 266
1 Docs. distr. officer	(work-days)	30	42	173	7 266
Total other requirements					19 257
TOTAL (1 to 7)					2 776 488
Rental of conference room (s)	(days)	-	n/a		-
Rental of office space m^2	(days)	-	n/a		-
ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL				Sw F	2 776 488
				or US$	1 914 819

B. Administrative and System Support Section

Per diem: 41 days at US$ 268 = US$ 285,688.00

TOTAL A + B = US$ 2,200,507